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SUBJ: FURTHER MOVES ON PHILIPPINE SUGAR MARKETING

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1. EXPANDING ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN GOP MANAGEMENT OF SUGAR EXPORTS CITED REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY A RELIABLE TRADE SOURCE THAT A NEW MARKETING ENTITY WILL BE CREATED TO SUCCEED PHILEX. ACCORDING SOURCE, THE PRESENT PHILIPPINE MANAGER OF CZARNIKOW AND RIONDA, LEANDRO VASQUEZ, WILL BE HIRED TO MANAGE THE NEW ENTITY. AMBASSADOR ROBERTO BENEDICTO; FORMER PRINCIPAL OWNER OF LUZON STEVEDORING, DONALD MARSHALL; AND PRESENT OPERATING STAFF OF PHILEX WILL ALSO REPORTEDLY BE INVOLVED. THE NEW ENTITY IS EXPECTED TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND ONE SOURCE SUGGESTS THE ENTITY WILL EXPAND INTO OTHER AREAS OF COMMODITY TRADE.

2. COMMENT: THE FOREGOING JIBES WELL WITH NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOT HAPPY WITH BENEDICTO'S MANAGEMENT OF 1975 EXPORTS. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT BENEDICTO'S ROLE WILL GREATLY CHANGE. WHAT APPEARS MOST LIKELY IS THAT, IN HIRING CUBAN-AMERICAN VASQUEZ, THE PRESIDENT IS ACQUIRING PROVEN SUGAR MARKETING CONFIDENTIAL

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